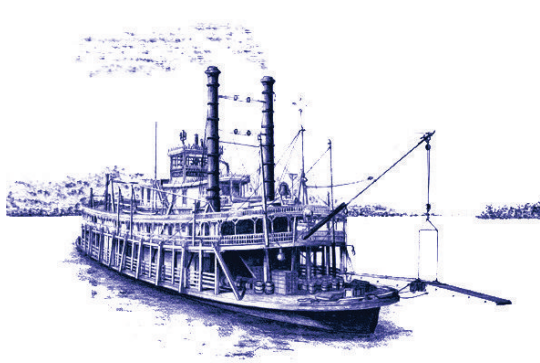




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Water loss at MJHS pool creating concern

Engineer to be
hired to find
cause, plan repairs

BY BOB DEMAREE

The pool at Madison Junior High School has been losing huge amounts of water, creating great concern to Madison Consolidated Schools Director of Facilities Jay Roney who told the school board about the problem at Thursday's work session.

As a result of that discussion, the corporation will hire an engineer to investigate where the water is going and its potential impact, and then make plans to repair the pool at a potential cost of \$650,000.

Roney presented a timeline from over the last two years of the problems that the pool has experienced, and its increasing amounts of water loss. In October 2024, he said approximately 1,500 gallons per day was lost. "That didn't alarm us because typical evaporation is about 1,000 gallons to operate pool, and people are in and out of the pool, so it kind of drops," he said.

In November 2024, Roney said the water loss was 3,000 gallons per day then in February of this year, it increased to 5,000 gallons per day. He said the pool was filled for summer swimming in early July, and after the Independence Day week, the pool was losing 8,000 gallons per day, and by early August the loss had increase to 10,000 to 12,000 gallons per day.

"The problem is we have no idea where the 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of water is going. Keep that in mind for a second," he said.

Board President John Wallace said, "We've got to think about the safety. I wouldn't want to take any chances, period, if there's anything going on underneath. That's what worries me. If we go through all of this and repair, we're still not going to know if it's sound underneath it."

Board member Michael Scott asked if there was a possibility that a sink hole was being created by the water loss. Roney said one of his concerns is that "I wake up to a phone call at 6 a.m., 'Jay, you need to get to the junior high because the cafeteria is under ground,' or the pool has no water, and there's a big hole. 'I don't know. I can't speak to that at

all."

"I think we shut (the pool) down and we find out if we're safe ground level-wise," Wallace said.

Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown recommended a structural engineer be hired to look at the structure while also getting the pool on the list for repairs that Roney indicated can be scheduled to begin in November and take an estimated six to eight weeks. "The pool is going to be closed all that time, and hopefully we get information back from an engineer before we're ready to do the pool part. If we're not ready to do the pool, then we'll just put them on hold."

"Knowing what we don't know is what scares me," said Wallace, adding that he is committed to the pool. "I can tell you that pool is vital to our school system, and somehow the pool will be repaired."

Roney said the pool is valuable to him and he wants the repairs made to the pool "sooner than later. Most of you know all three of my kids swam at some point. It's important to me as a past swimmer and having children who swam."

"We'll get it done," said Wallace. "We have to. It's too important not to."

Tom Moriarity, leader in Main Street movement, dies at 75

Was former
Madison HMI, Main
Street director

Tom Moriarity, a leader in the Main Street movement who got his start in Madison, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the age of 75 after a year-long battle with cancer.

Moriarity, a native of Temple, Texas, came to Madison as the first executive director of Historic Madison Inc., starting on April 1, 1975. Then, when Madison was selected in 1977 as one of three Main Street projects by the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHC), he was named local project director.

Moriarity resigned from those positions Oct. 1, 1980, when he went to work with the national Main Street project that's been credited for revitalizing thousands of downtowns in communities throughout the United States. Later, Moriarity launched a career in international real estate consulting that included developing a retail plan for the Port Authority's World Trade Center both before and after the Sept. 11 attacks.

His good friend Dick Goodman, chairman of the board for Madison Chemical Company, said when Moriarity was first working with retail at the World Trade Center, he was asked, "Where on earth did you learn how to deal with New York merchants?" His response was that he learned that from working with the merchants in Madison, Indiana.

"He was known around the world," said John Staicer, HMI's current president and executive director. "Everything he learned about merchants and merchandising he learned about on Main Street in Madison, Indiana. The concerns of merchants in the big city were the same as they were as the merchants on Main Street in Madison."

Valecia Crisafulli said she knew Moriarity for 30 years through her work in the Main Street program. "He was a legend for all of us working in Main Street," along with Clark Shoettle, project manager for the Main Street project in Galensburg, Illinois; Scott Gerloff, project manager for the Main Street project in Hot Springs, South Dakota, and Mary Means, who is considered the founder of Main Street.

In a press release from Main Street America, Means said, "Tom was a creative force on the small team that field-tested and co-created the Main Street Approach. Most in the Main Street field know of its wide adoption by more than 1,600 communities across the country. What few know of is the unbreakable bond that formed among the four of us: Scott Gerloff, Clark Schoettle, Tom and me in those challenging years, a friendship like no other I've known. His leadership in advancing economically sound historic preservation is only part of

the legacy he leaves behind."

Crisafulli, former vice president of partnerships at the National Trust for Historic Preservation in Washington, D.C., said before the Main

Street program began the "National Trust was trying to figure what to do with small downtowns because they were all declining rapidly" with big-box retailers overtaking the local merchants. "We saw huge disinvestment happening and they felt they were

really threatened and they were a national resource that needed to be preserved," not just for saving the historic structures but for the economic vitality of the community.

Goodman said Moriarity "just had an incredible impact on what is now Madison. I really can't overstate that. He really dug in and worked hand in hand in with the people who own the buildings and the merchants, and showed them how the Main Street program could really make sense for them," and all these years later, the work Moriarity led in the late 1970s continues to benefit the community. "Look at what Main Street is today."

Crisafulli said Madison's downtown has become vibrant with many successful businesses. "We're very fortunate and I attribute that to the Main Street approach for sure. As far as I know, this is the only comprehensive approach that's ever worked in the nation, and that's a credit to Tom and his colleagues."

Kim Nyberg, executive director of the Madison Area Arts Alliance, got to know Moriarity through her many years involvement with the Main Street program that began as a college intern in 1983 followed later by serving as executive director of the Madison Main Street program from 1993-2000, and director of Tennessee Main Street program from 2006-2013. "As the years went by, and after I had moved to Madison, whenever I saw him at conferences, we had an ongoing dialogue about Madison" and the people they knew from the city that they learned from — Dotti Reindollar, Jane Jacobs, John Galvin, Perin Scott and others. "They were his heroes, and they were mine," said Nyberg.

Crisafulli described Moriarity as a "fun, happy, positive person all the time. He was always looking on the best side of things. He made you feel good to be around him, and he always had a soft spot for Madison and the people." In fact, she said it was because of Moriarity that she and her husband, Larry, visited Madison and ended up moving to Madison in 2013.

"He never forgot Madison, and he always talked about it in the most wonderful and kind remarks about the community," said Crisafulli.

Moriarity, who died in Arlington, Virginia, is survived by his wife, Lyn, sons, John and Will, and daughter, Anne.



Tom Moriarity



Bob Demaree

Perfect weather made for ideal Chautauqua weather and the crowd took advantage in large numbers

Perfect weather makes for ideal Chautauqua

BY BOB DEMAREE

Perfect weather made for a ideal weekend for the 54th Madison Chautauqua Festival of Arts, rebounding from 2024 when remnants of Hurricane Helene made for wet, miserable conditions.

"We paid our rain tax last year and this year we're reaping the benefits," said Chautauqua Coordinator Kara Hinz who thinks the crowd may be have been more than two years ago, another good weather year. "It feels a little busier than even 2023. I have no scientific data, but it feels busier." Placer.ai data that measures crowd size was not available at presstime.

There was rainy weather in the days leading up to Chautauqua but "it ended as we needed it to," allowing for smooth set up. "We had happy vendors. The weather couldn't have been better," said Hinz.

Best in Show winner was Cora Carroll of Deadwood, South Dakota, who makes and sells jewelry that she describes as "story-telling you wear. A lot of my work has visual concepts that lead to different places. It's very subjective. What I correlate something with, somebody else may correlate something different with, and that's kind of the beauty of it."

Carroll was thrilled to be named Best in Show. "Jewelry is one of the hardest categories to get into in the art fair circuit, and it hardly ever wins best in show. So when jewelry wins best



Bob Demaree

Cora Carroll, of Deadwood, South Dakota, was named Best in Show at the 2025 Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art

in show, it's an honor."

This year was her first time at Chautauqua and her first time in Madison. "I was actually pleasantly surprised. It was the cutest town when I rolled in, and I was thinking, 'I've been looking to relocate. I could live in this town,'" now wondering if winning Best in Show is a sign that she should make that move.

Best Presentation was Lauren Hillerich of Charlestown, Indiana, who said her art comes from reclaimed wood that is repurposed into art. "I'll sand them all down, make figures then paint them," she said, describing it as "feel-good art" with bright colors. Hillerich

only recently began participating in art shows with this being her first year at Chautauqua. "I'm super excited" to win Best Presentation.

Bill and Gean Bowen, also of Charlestown, were first in the Craft category, the second time they've achieved that honor, having also placed first in 2019. Last year, they were Best in Show, and in 2021 they were third in the Craft category. Even though they've been honored multiple times, Bill Bowen said, "It feels good every time."

The Bowens have been married for

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OBITUARIES

Joseph 'Joe' Albert Hamilton, Jr.



Joseph "Joe" Albert Hamilton, Jr., age 88, of Hanover, IN, formerly of Memphis, TN, entered this life on Jan. 23, 1937, in Fulton, KY, and went to see Jesus on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025 at 9:08 a.m., at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, IN. He was the loving son of the late Joseph Sr. and Carrie G. Maddox Hamilton.

He grew up in Memphis, TN, and was a 1955 graduate of Central High School where he was a Major on the staff of the ROTC battalion at the school. He later served eight years in the Naval Reserve Surface Division in Memphis, TN, and was honorably discharged on July 18, 1963. He attended Memphis State College for two years in the Business School. Joe married his school sweetheart, Nancy Jo Bell, on Dec. 30, 1956. Nancy Jo had become the "apple of his eye" in the eighth grade at Bellevue Junior High School. Joe remembered this as a time of much prayer for he hoped for a mate in his life. They were married and baptized by Dr. Robert G. Lee at the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, TN. To this happy union of 63 years was added daughter, Lisa Lynn

and son, Steven Glenn. Joe became a trainee in the area of data processing in 1955, and continued in this business activity until 2001, when he retired as vice president of Administrative Services for Riggs, Inc., a regional freight company. The most enjoyable of his activities that he had been involved in were family and friends times of sharing. He was a coach for kids' basketball, an adviser for Junior Achievement, and president of the athletic Booster Club at SBEC High School. Joe and Nancy were leaders for kids in BTU and served in the Home Bound Ministry at their church. He enjoyed studying the history of the Civil War and World War II. He also enjoyed his large flower bed, golf, and traveling for his war history, and vacations. He loved helping his

two children with their school activities; in particular helping his son to a golf scholarship at Union University in Jackson, TN. He was a member of the Gideons and the Hanover Baptist Church after they moved to Hanover, IN, in 2014. A basic thought for Joe was to understand people and deal with them accordingly and to have a strong prayer life. He was blessed to have many very close friends who gave him the opinion that "life is faith, family, and friends." His favorite Bible verse was Psalm 71:17-18.

Joe will be missed by many with his family leading the list. His daughter, Lisa Lynn Crawford and her husband Harry of Hanover, IN; his son, Steven Glenn Hamilton and his wife Shelly of Lancaster, IN; his grandchildren, Jay Crawford and his wife, Kim, Melynda Shaffer and her husband, Chenoweth, Joe Crawford and his wife, Angela, Georgia Windsor and her husband, Daniel and Drew Hamilton; his great grandchildren, Belle Crawford, Amelia Windsor, Raygan Crawford, Madison Windsor, Riley Crawford, Claire Shaffer, Natalee Crawford, Haylee Crawford, Keeton Shaffer, Lincoln Windsor, Carson Shaffer, and

Breckin Windsor.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph Albert Hamilton, Sr., his mother, Carrie G. Maddox Hamilton, his beloved wife of 63 years, Nancy Jo Bell Hamilton, died Oct. 19, 2019.

Funeral services will be conducted on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor J.D. Traylor at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at 1 p.m., graveside in the Memorial Park Cemetery, 5668 Poplar Avenue in Memphis, TN.

Friends may visit on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN.

Military honors will be provided at the graveside ceremony at Memorial Park Cemetery in Memphis, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover Baptist Church Building Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Carl Morgan



Carl Morgan, age 91, of Madison, IN, and the son of the late Carl B. Morgan and Emily Boldery, was born on Feb. 2, 1934, in Madison. On June 5, 1956, he was inducted into the United States Army where he served on the third U.S. Infantry Regiment, traditionally known as The Old Guard at Fort Myers, VA. On June 4, 1958, he transferred to the United States Army Reserves where he faithfully served until he was honorably discharged on May 31, 1962. After returning from the service, he worked at Hotel Denny in downtown Madison. For 29 years, he worked at Meese Inc. where he retired in 1996.

Carl was a member of Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 for 71 years, having served from March 1, 1954, to Sept. 27, 2025. In

those 71 years, Carl was a firefighter and served as Pipesman, Engineer, Standing Committee, Trustee, President, and Vice President, as well as Fire Company Chief, and Assistant Chief. He was an avid fan of NASCAR, the Cincinnati Reds, and Indiana University Basketball, especially during the Bobby Knight years. In his spare time, he loved going to the fire company cabin

that overlooks the river, occasionally savoring a Wiedemann Fine Beer with friends, and spending time at the firehouse. Mr. Morgan passed away on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at the Hickory Creek at Madison, on the day of the semi-annual fish fry hosted by Fair Play Fire Company No. 1.

His life will be cherished by his Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 family; and his dear friends, Bill Kalb of Madison, Dave Snodgrass of Madison, Janice Chandler of Madison, and Barb Schutt of Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his close friend, Bob Chandler, and numerous other friends.

The Fair Play Fire Company No. 1 will conduct a fireman's service at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 1,

2025, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, 117 Holt Drive, Madison.

Friends may visit at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, from 6 p.m., until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Friends may also gather at the funeral home on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, from 9:30 until 10 a.m., when we will process to Springdale Cemetery for interment.

The honor guard of the United States Army and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9, American Legion will conduct military honors at the cemetery.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to the Fair Play Fire Company No. 1. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at www.lytlewelty.com.

Jerry Paul Chase



Jerry Paul Chase, age 67, of Carrollton, KY, entered this life on Feb. 28, 1958, in Madison, IN. He was the loving son of the late James and Shirley Kinman Bustle. He spent his early life in Madison, and graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1976. He attended Indiana University East in Richmond, IN, for a time. He had worked as an over the road truck driver for several years. He was united in marriage in 1978, to Rebecca Lynn Garvey and this union was blessed with two daughters, Christy and Angela. Jerry owned and operated Kentuckiana Logging for 15 years and had resided in Carrollton the past 40 years. For two

years he worked as a truck driver for M & M Trucking. Jerry was a Dale Earnhardt Nascar fan, Colts Football fan, and IU Basketball fan especially under Coach Bob Knight. He also liked camping, shooting pool, driving his race car, and racing in demolition derby, and enjoyed his yearly trips to Daytona

Beach, FL. He was a member of the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Jerry died on Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at 3:47 p.m. at the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Florence in Florence, KY.

Jerry will be missed by his loving daughters, Christy Rose and her husband, Steven of Carrollton, KY, Angela Smith and her husband, Corey of Vevay, IN; his grandchildren, Matthew, Lauren, Laryssa, and Abigail; his sisters, Donna Daulton and her husband, Floyd of Canaan, IN, Juanita Lock of Madison, IN, Kathy Holland and her husband, Randy of Canaan, IN; his brother, Denver Graves of Comiskey, IN; several nie-

ces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Bustle, his mother, Shirley A. Kinman Bustle, his ex wife, Rebecca Lynn Garvey Chase, died May29, 2022, and his brother in law, John Garvey.

Jerry chose cremation with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Earl Kennett Wright Jr

Earl Kennett Wright Jr., age 83, of Madison, IN, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2025, at Norton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison. He was the son of the late Earl Kennett Wright Sr. and Frances Marie Scheide-mantle, and was born on June 3, 1942, in Terre Haute, IN.

Earl is survived by his children: Nicholas Wright and his wife, Amy, of Fishers, IN; Chante and her husband, Jaja Jackson, of

Camas, Washington; Kathryn and her husband, Christopher Beck, of West Lafayette, IN; and Ryan Wright and his wife, Qingsi Wu Wright, of Indianapolis, IN. He is also survived by his sisters, Earlene Olson and Sharon Brand; his brothers, James Wright, Mark Wright, and Richard Wright; his grandchildren, Weston and Harrison Wright, Brian Robertson, Isis Thomas-Hill, Phoebe Beck, and Sebastian

Wright; and several nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Graveside services will be conducted by the United States Army Honor Guard and the Major Samuel Woodfill Post #9, American Legion, at 1 p.m., on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2025, at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel, 1415 North Gate Road, Madison, IN, with interment to follow.

Friends and family may gather at the chapel beginning at 12 p.m., until the time of service.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Chicago, IL, 60601. Contributions may be made at the Lytle Welty Funeral Home or at lytlewelty.com.

Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Raymond Abbott Jr., 54, of Milton, KY, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025, at his home in Milton. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. A private celebration of life will be held at the Townsend Family Lake in Pendleton, KY. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Nellie Jean Ritchie Jackson, 91, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, at the Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Wanda Deloris Tanksley Klein, 95, of Madison, IN, died Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2025, in Madison. Cremation was chosen. Graveside services will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

Michelle Lynn Phipps 60, of Hopkinsville, KY, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, Home, Bedford, with interment to follow in Sulphur Cemetery, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

Timothy John "Butch" Raisor, 63, of Worthville, KY, died Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, at his residence in Worthville. A celebration of life was Sunday, Sept. 28, at Point Park in Carrollton, KY. Arrangements by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service in Madison, IN, www.lytlewelty.com.

W. Powell Raison, 83, of Sanders, KY, died Sept. 9, 2025, in Miamisburg, OH. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam Era. Graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Carrollton I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Peggy Lou Webster, 81, of DeLand, FL, passed away peacefully after a lengthy illness. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, October 1, 1 p.m., at Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford, with interment to follow in Sulphur Cemetery, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Lotteries

INDIANA Hoosier Lotto 1-7-11-17-19-44 (9/27). Estimated Jackpot: \$3.2 million. Next Drawing (10/1) Cash Five: 1-4-33-34-44 (9/28) Cash 4 Life: 20-32-42-44-52 CB: 4 (9/28)	KENTUCKY Cash Ball: 3-7-13-29 CB: 8 (9/28) Lucky For Life: 8-9-27-31-36 LB: 63 (9/28)	MEGAMILLIONS: 4-21-27-33-49 MB: 21 (9/26) Next Jackpot: \$497 million. Next Drawing (9/30) POWERBALL: 10-16-32-61-66 PB: 4, PP 2 (9/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$160 million. Next Drawing (9/29) POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 5-21-22-49-68 PB: 25 (9/27). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to \$10 million. Next Drawing (9/29)
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BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS Sept. 30 Sue Siekman	Oct. 1 Cindy Shirley	Oct. 2 Troy Hedges Traci Lytle	Oct. 3 Jordan Ray	Oct. 4 Larry Childress Dave "Tank" Sherman - 74	Oct. 5 Ron Bateman Todd Boone John Booth Brent Turner
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WEATHER

Sunrise 7:35 a.m. Sunset 7:29 p.m. Temperature High 87, Low 58, Mean 72.5, Deficit 1.9 Precipitation since last published: 1.94 Precipitation, September 2025: 6.46 Precipitation, 2025: 47.83	Barometer 30.11, Rising River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.89 feet, Rising Forecast Wednesday: Mostly sunny High 84/Low 54; Thursday: Mostly cloudy High 84/Low 55; Friday: Mostly sunny High 85/Low 55; Saturday: Sunny High 85/Low 54.
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Main Street's Loft Tour features 10 sites Saturday

BY BOB DEMAREE

This year’s Madison Main Street Loft Tour is Saturday featuring 10 upper-story sites, the most ever for the biennial tour that began in 2015.

“People enjoy the Loft Tour because these are spaces people don’t get to see,” said Leslie Grote, committee chair for the tour. “It can also be very nostalgic and heart-warming.”

The loft tour is a fundraiser for Madison Main Street, the non-profit organization that has a goal of preserving Madison’s historic downtown as an economically vital center of the community.

Madison Main Street Executive Director Austin Sims said the loft tour has another underlying mission for motivating downtown building owners to develop their space. “It keeps people accountable because they want to show off their space.” The loft tour also serves as inspiration for others to develop their upper floors. “This helps show the potential of what can be done” to those vacant empty spaces.

Among those on the tour is the site of the former Cinnamon Tea Room, 302 West Street, that has been in a poor condition for several decades but is the process of being of being rehabilitated by Rebecca Brown. Prior to being Cinnamon Tea Room, the building housed J.J.’s Bar. Brown has stated in the past plans for the building include second and third floor apartments once restoration and rehabilitation is complete, while developing retail space on the first floor.

Other sites include:
631 West Main Street: This building has served as home of the Attic since opening April 20, 1971, and became the Attic and Coffee Mill Cafe in 1993 when it started selling food and coffee made from beans roasted on site. Prior to becoming the Attic in 1971, the two-story 1860 structure had been a grocery for many years. Thomas P. Vincent and his wife, Lottie, opened Vincent’s Grocery in 1925, and stayed in business for the next 45 years. Before that the structure served as Miller’s Grocery for several years. The loft tour will feature a tour of living space on the second



Bob Demaree

The former Cinnamon Tea Room, 302 West Street, is one of 10 sites on Saturday’s Madison Main Street Loft Tour.

floor.

713 West Main Street: This building, dating back to the 1870s, is now home to Helton Eye Care that opened in that location last year. Previously, it was a duplex residence with side-by-side residences during most of the building’s history. However, the city’s 1886 Sanborn map stated that at that time it was a grocery store. The Helton family reconstructed the downstairs for a professional office, and there is now an apartment upstairs.

202 Jefferson Street: Originally built as the J. Schofield and Sons Woolen Mills in 1877, operations were briefly suspended after the death of the founder in 1925. The company was reorganized as the Fordyce Textile Manufacturing Company that closed two years later. The building sat empty for six years, according to a newspaper account,

until 1934, when Meyers and Sons Manufacturing Company, a garment manufacturer, opened there. Meyers Manufacturing was in business until 1997. Current plans are to develop the building into Righteous Brewing Company.

402 West Main Street: Built in 1873 by Capt. Nathan Powell for his daughter, the home had a third floor ballroom. In the 1930s, the Vail family purchased the home and converted it to a funeral home, which it remained until 2011. Most recently, it has served as the Fountain House.

217 East Main Street: The cornerstone was laid in 1871 for this Second Empire style building that was erected as a Masonic Lodge. John Temperly, a second generation Madison architect, designed the building with its Mansard roof, fine stone carving around the storefront

windows and distinctive central gable. The third floor was home of the Union Lodge No. 2 F&AM, the second-oldest Masonic Lodge in Indiana. The Masons occupied the second and third levels from 1872 to 2001. From the beginning the two sides of the first floor have been used as retail spaces that have included a grocery story, hardware store and feed store. C.H. Rousch sold stationery and other paper goods at the location from 1909-1947. Rousch’s was replaced by Steinhardt Hanson for the last half of the 20th century. Several businesses have operated the space in recent years which is currently home to Timeless Live, an event center.

125 East Main Street: This building has been a venue for live music since 2013. Built in the 1920s, the building replaced an earlier two-story construction that combined

two buildings. A freight elevator that is at least 100 years old still raises and lowers loads. In the 1930s, the building housed Edward Eckert & Son, a dealer in stoves, furnaces, hardware, tinware and queensware (a cream-colored earthenware.) For many years, it was home to Madison TV and Appliance. Wallace’s Antiques occupied the store from 1988 to 2007.

301 Jefferson Street: Now home to Vintage Lanes and Wine Bar, it has in the past been known as Lichtman Hotel, the Eagle Hotel or the Hunger Building. The three-story commercial structure was built in the 1850s in the Federal style. In the early years it was a hotel. In 1906, Clemont Hunger purchased the building and the Hunger family operated Hunger Feed & Seed Store until 1988. In the mid-1990s, Jerry and Darlene Yarnetsky purchased 301 Jefferson as space for Darlene’s studio and store, Mudcat Pottery, and residence. Starting in 1998, artist and sign painter Kevin Carlson operated his business there. In March 2025, Vintage Lanes renovated the space to feature eight lanes of duckpin bowling on two floors.

310 Broadway Street: Built in 1860, this structure was a livery stable for nearly 50 years. Since 1909, the building has had various uses including a car garage and Thompson’s Glass Dairy. The building, purchased in 2018 by Ronald and Suzanne Hollinger, has transformed the industrial space into two stylish apartments with plans for a third loft apartment.

Also on the tour is 313 East First Street, currently home of the 1st Street Saloon.

The loft tour is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets cost \$40 and may be purchased on the Madison Main Street website at MadTix or at the Main Street office, 321 West Main St. All tickets must be picked up at the Main Street office prior to beginning the tour to check in. The tours are self-guided at your own pace. Most sites are not handicapped or stroller accessible.

Indiana Landmarks to take on Custer-Cosby rehab

SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Indiana Landmarks has acquired the historic Custer-Cosby House in Madison with plans to stabilize the long-vacant property and complete exterior restoration before marketing it to buyers who can complete interior rehabilitation.

The project is part of efforts by the City of Madison and preservation advocates to address vacant and blighted properties and boost revitalization within the city’s National Historic Landmark District.

Indiana Landmarks will complete foundation and structural repairs and undertake exterior restoration on the remaining two-story section of the 1844 house before adding a new two-story addition to allow for a potential three-bedroom home. Work is expected to wrap up next spring, when the house will be placed on the market with covenants protecting the historic exterior. Comprehensive interior rehabilitation will need to be completed by a new owner.

The two-story home was originally built on Poplar Street by carpenter Charles Custer in 1844. The house was later occupied by the family of Charles Cosby, who became the first Black elected official in Jefferson County’s history when he was elected to Madison City Council in 1970. He was re-elected for a second term in 1974 but died in office. His wife, Christine assumed his council seat, becoming the first Black woman to serve in government in the county.

The home was relocated by local preservation advocates to its present site at 111 East Fourth Street in 1999 to save it from demolition as part of a local hospital expansion.



Bob Demaree

Representatives of Indiana Landmarks were joined by city of Madison staff in July to review the condition of the Custer-Cosby House that had been slated for demolition. The house, originally on Poplar Street, was moved to its current location at 111 East Fourth Street in 1999.

In July, Madison’s Board of Public Works and Safety awarded a \$10,000 PACE grant for the demolition of the structure after the owner, Findley Properties LLC, determined that the home could not be saved. However, the city first requested an evaluation by representatives of Indiana Landmarks who deemed the property structurally sound enough to be restored, which halted the demolition during negotiations for a plan to purchase and rehabilitate the structure.

“The Custer-Cosby House is more than bricks and mortar — it’s a living piece of Madison’s story. This restoration is an investment not only in a building, but in the people and neighborhoods

that make Madison special,” said Courtney. “Furthermore, this project reflects our city’s commitment to tackling blight, strengthening our National Historic Landmark District, and ensuring that each neighborhood is clean, safe, and beautiful. This would not happen without the partnership with Indiana Landmarks.”

“Many of the historic places associated with Madison’s Black heritage have been lost over the years, and we’re honored to be part of this collaborative effort involving the City and descendants of the Cosby family, who are engaged with us in this project,” said Greg Sekula, director of Indiana Landmarks’ Southern Regional Office.

Two hikers require 7-hour rescue at Clifty Falls

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A male and female from Louisville who got lost while hiking at Clifty Falls State Park required a seven-hour rescue that was reported Sunday at 8:46 p.m.

Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black said the two hikers, who were in their mid-20s, stated they had begun hiking at 2 p.m. Sunday and went into an area where

hiking is prohibited in the vicinity of Big Clifty Falls near Trails 2 and 8. The hikers had walked 6 miles when, as it was becoming dark, they wandered off the official trails past signage that told them not to go in that area. They became lost and in their exhausted condition, called 911.

“It was one of the worst places to do one of these rescues,” said Black, citing

the rough terrain and the thorny brush that damaged two ropes used to carry the hikers in stokes baskets.

No injuries were sustained by firefighters. The hikers were checked by Norton King’s Daughters’ EMS, and found to not be injured.

The hikers were cited by the Conservation officer, and are facing fines to cover the cost of the rescue including ropes that must be replaced

and more.

Madison Township Fire Department was assisted by Rykers Ridge Fire Department, Madison Clifty Rescue 6 Fire Department and Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Department. Also, Jefferson County Emergency Management provided assistance with a drone in the dark conditions. Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office was also on the scene.

POLICE REPORTS

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS Sept. 25, 2025

Kent Jason Koehler, 52, Lexington, Indiana, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. No bond. John David McLaughlin, 36, Madison, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Bond \$750 cash. Also being held on a 15-day hold. No bond. Jeremiah Raymond Shatley-Butters, 28, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$1,500 cash.

Sept. 26, 2025
Javier Reyes Agustin, 32, Hanover, for Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Assent and Operating Without Ever Obtaining a License, both Class A misdemeanors. Bond \$500 cash. Also being held for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Department of Homeland Security.

George Whitehead, 47, Madison, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Sept. 28, 2025
David Scott Fox II, 37, for Battery, a Class B misdemeanor. Bond \$250 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS Sept. 25, 2025

Mason Stuart Dawson, 18, Hanover, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended except 2 days, served with 178 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs.

Jahuey H. Reyes, 32, Hanover, to an amended

charge of Unlawful Hunting of a Migratory Bird, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail and \$189 court costs.

Vontrel Omari Holt, 27, Hanover, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, all suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$380 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY Sept. 25, 2025

John Firth to Arvis Arthur, 183 South Brooksbury Main Street, Madison,

Gloria L. Farrell and Frances O. Wilkerson (Estate) to Jonathan L. Harrison, 1906 North 1100 West, Deputy.

Frances O. Wilkerson (Estate) and Gloria L. Farrell to Gloria L. Farrell, 10180 West Henry Road, Lexington.

William R. Hart to Daniel Keith Hart and Trina Virginia Hart, 9447 North Brushy Fork Church Road, Canaan.

James Donovan and Brian Scott Bruce, 828 West Second Street, Madison.

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Rick Bray and Angela Bray to Scott M. Cochran, 1649 South 1400 West, Lexington.

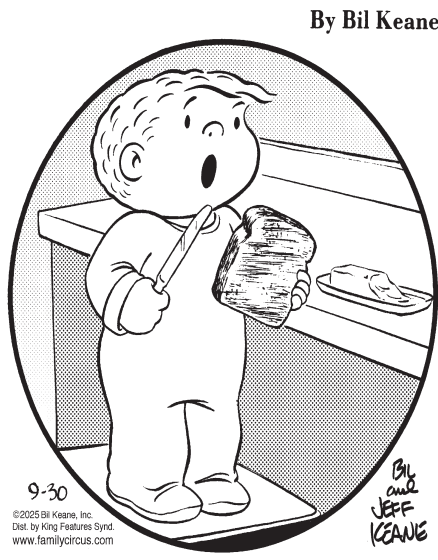
Lori Watkins, Robert Ottoe Kling, Nicholas Harding, Richard Harding, Derek Harding and Christopher Harding to Harry Dobbins Properties LLC, 1444 Clifty Drive, Madison.

Prickett Properties LLC to Laylee Koontz and Brennan Koontz, 438 Hickory Drive, Hanover.

Benjamin D. Sommer to Phoenix Services, 10 acres at 6157 West State Road 56, Hanover.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



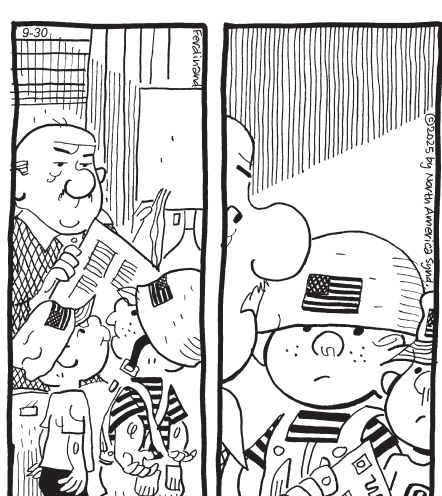
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By *and* **JEFF KEANE**

"Which side of the toast am I s'posed to put the butter on?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



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"WE'RE GONNA PLAY ARMY!"

"YOU CAN START BY MARCHING OUT OF HERE."

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WE NEED MORE REFLECTIVE ROOFS TO KEEP BUILDINGS COOLER IN THE HEAT.

I'M ON IT.

ANYONE KNOW WHY THE NEW YORK CITY MAYOR IS ON THE PHONE AND WHY HE'S SO MAD?

THAT IS A COOL ROOF.

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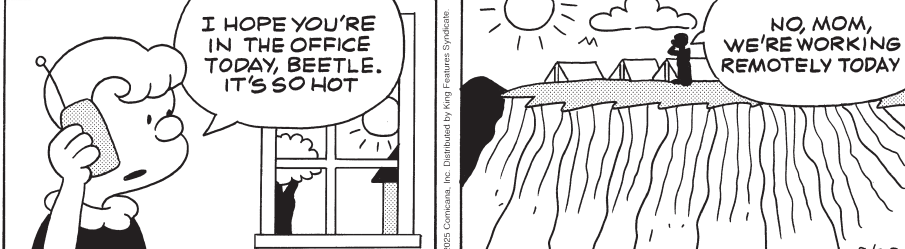


I'm hoping you can help me improve my swing.

Wayne P & S Piro. 9-30-25

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BEETLE BAILEY



I HOPE YOU'RE IN THE OFFICE TODAY, BEETLE. IT'S SO HOT

NO, MOM, WE'RE WORKING REMOTELY TODAY

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE



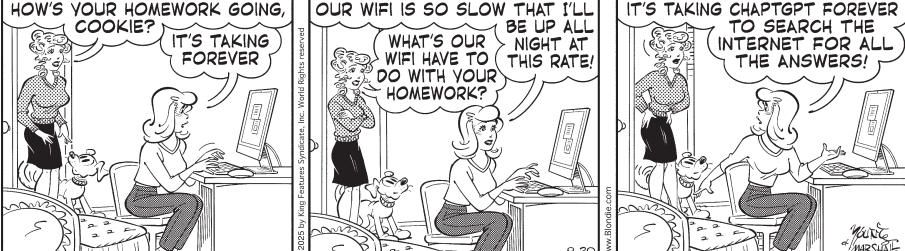
THE DUTY

SUSPICIOUS LINK!
SUSPICIOUS LINK!

There are so many sharks out there.

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HOW'S YOUR HOMEWORK GOING, COOKIE?

IT'S TAKING FOREVER

OUR WIFI IS SO SLOW THAT I'LL BE UP ALL NIGHT AT THIS RATE!

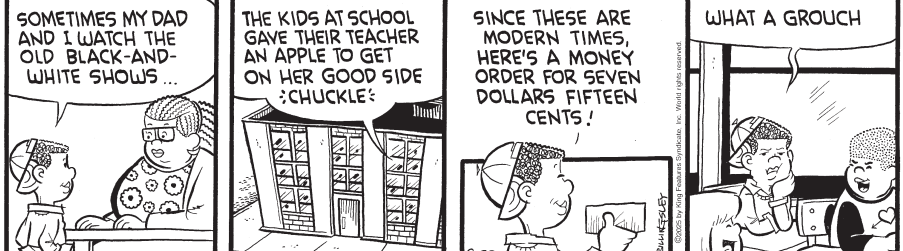
WHAT'S OUR WIFI HAVE TO DO WITH YOUR HOMEWORK?

IT'S TAKING CHAPTST FOREVER TO SEARCH THE INTERNET FOR ALL THE ANSWERS!

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CURTIS



SOMETIMES MY DAD AND I WATCH THE OLD BLACK-AND-WHITE SHOWS ...

THE KIDS AT SCHOOL GAVE THEIR TEACHER AN APPLE TO GET ON HER GOOD SIDE :CHUCKLE:

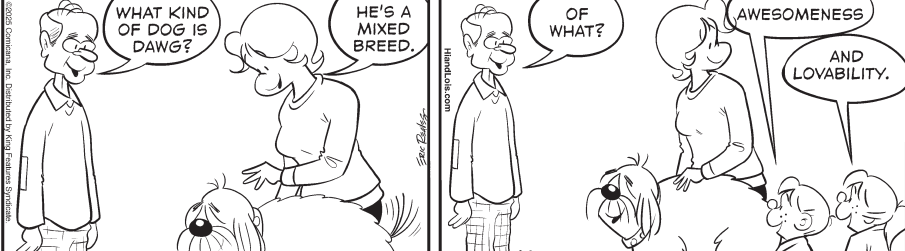
SINCE THESE ARE MODERN TIMES, HERE'S A MONEY ORDER FOR SEVEN DOLLARS FIFTEEN CENTS!

WHAT A GROUCH

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HI & LOIS



WHAT KIND OF DOG IS DAWG?

HE'S A MIXED BREED.

OF WHAT?

AWESOMENESS AND LOVABILITY.

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PARDON MY PLANET



CONGRATULATIONS! YOUR INSURANCE COVERS ME PATTING YOU ON THE BACK, WISHING YOU LUCK ON YOUR HEALTH JOURNEY AND GRABBING MY CLUBS TO SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY PURSUING MINE.

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ZITS



INCOMING GREAT IDEA...

LET'S INVENT A COMPANY THAT ACTUALLY MAKES MONEY!

BRILLIANT!

I'M IN!

WHAT WILL OUR COMPANY DO?

ONE GENIUS THOUGHT AT A TIME, OKAY?

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DUMPLINGS



SO, HOW WAS THE APPLE ORCHARD?

IT WAS EGG-CELLENT!

AS IN... YOU GOT... EGGS?

NO, BUT THE ONLY "APPLE" THING I COULD COME UP WITH IS "AP-PULL MY FINGER!"

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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! ALL YOU MEN WANT IS MONEY!

WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M MADE OF?!

RESTAURANT FOOD WE CAN'T AFFORD!

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SIX CHIX



I HAD A GREAT SUMMER GROWING WITH YOU GOURDS.

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BARNEY GOOGLE AND SNUFFY SMITH



EVENIN', FOLKS !! TIME FER TH' NEWS !!

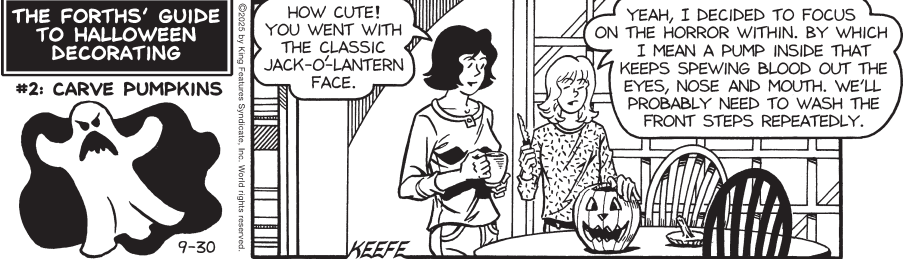
I'LL GIVE YA TH' BAD NEWS FURST...

TH' BAD NEWS IS THAR AIN'T NO GOOD NEWS !!

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THE FORTH'S GUIDE TO HALLOWEEN DECORATING

#2: CARVE PUMPKINS

HOW CUTE! YOU WENT WITH THE CLASSIC JACK-O'-LANTERN FACE.

YEAH, I DECIDED TO FOCUS ON THE HORROR WITHIN. BY WHICH I MEAN A PUMP INSIDE THAT KEEPS SPEWING BLOOD OUT THE EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH. WE'LL PROBABLY NEED TO WASH THE FRONT STEPS REPEATEDLY.

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DUSTIN



THERE'S A GIRL I LIKE AT THE COFFEE SHOP. HOW MUCH IS A SIMPLE CHAIN?

WE HAVE THIS ONE FOR \$85.

IS THERE SOMETHING CHEAPER?

YOU COULD TRY THE HARDWARE STORE.

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OH, SHNELLY, IT'S SO UNFAIR!

ONLY A WINDOWPANE BETWEEN US...

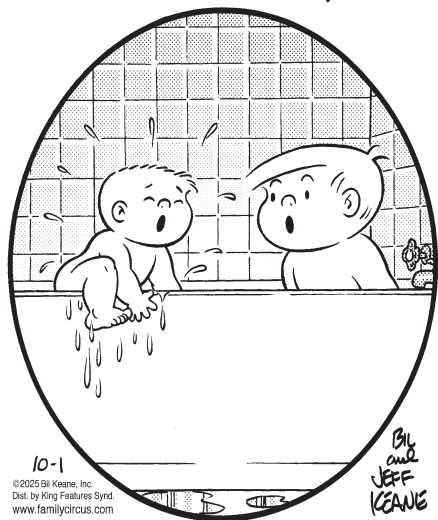
I COULD ADD BARS.

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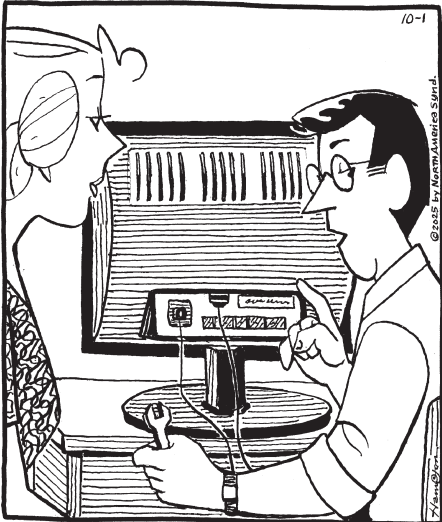
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"I was just kiddin', PJ. Sharks can only go in salt water!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"THE GUY SAID THIS SMART TV COULD BE PROGRAMMED BY A 5-YEAR-OLD. ANYWAY, CAN YOU CALL DENNIS IN HERE?"

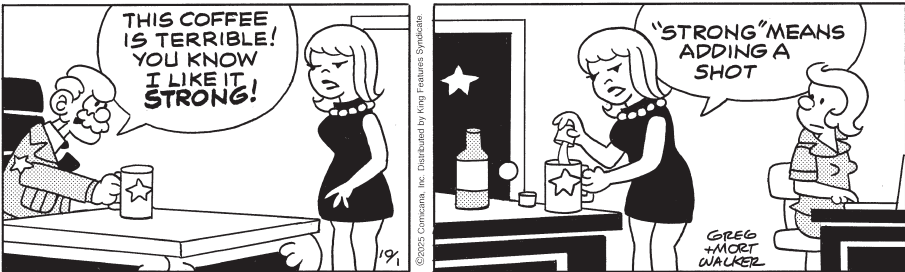
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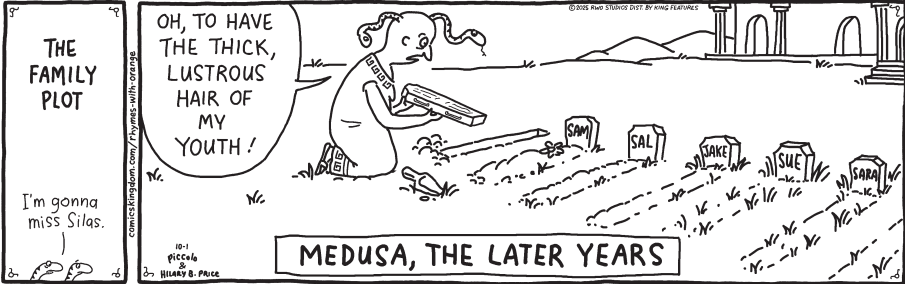
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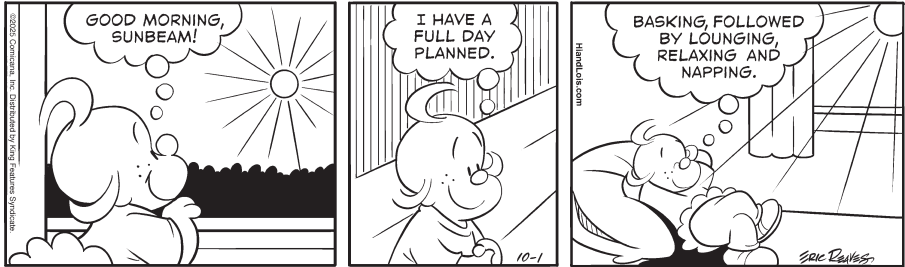
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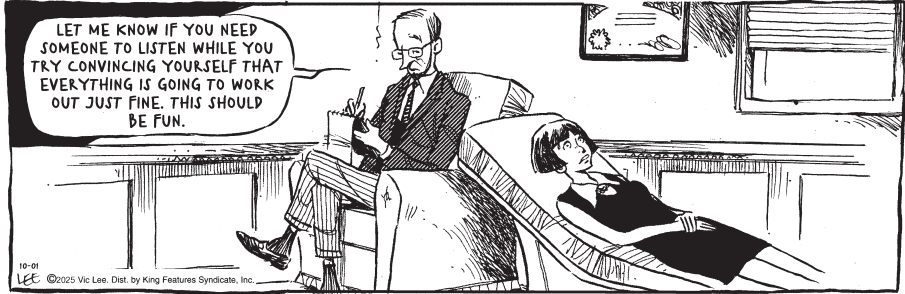
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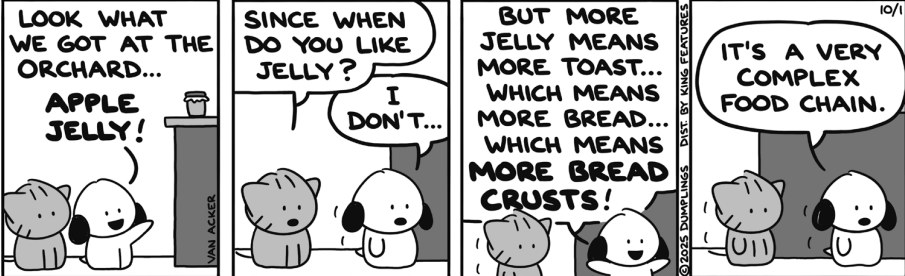
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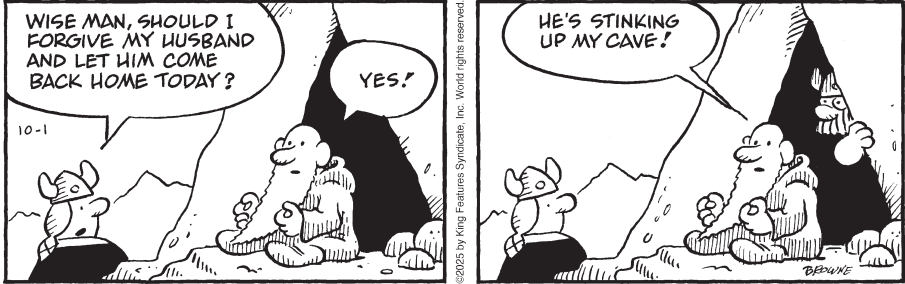
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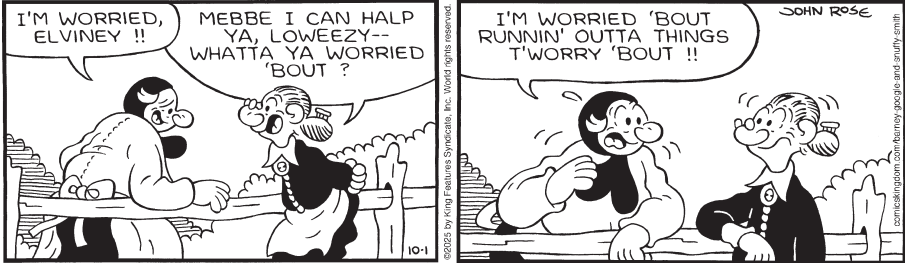
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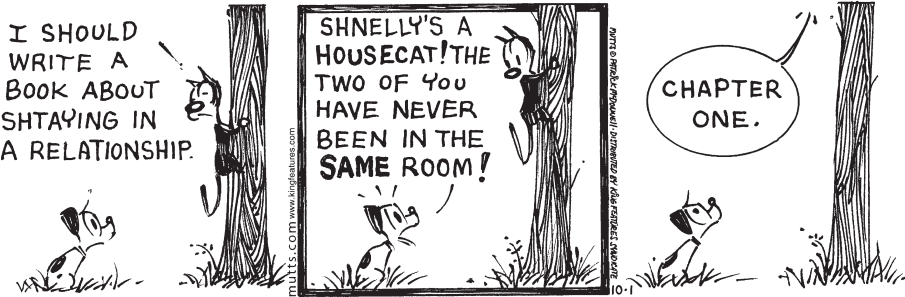
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Homecoming Season



David Campbell

Maylie Skinner (left) and Joseph Stanley were crowned Madison Consolidated High School’s Homecoming Queen and King at halftime of Friday’s football game with Providence.



Jennifer Willhoite

Kait Maiden (left) and Yerson Aguilar (right) were crowned homecoming queen and king at Friday night’s Carroll County football game with Nelson County.

Short-term flagging operations set for SR 7 bridge repair

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Bridge repair work on State Road 7 over the Muscatatuck River is scheduled to begin on or after Monday, Oct. 6. Work will take place on State Road 7 between North Middlefork Road and West County Road 700 North located south of Dupont and is expected to take up to four

days, weather permitting. Flagging operations will be used while work is in progress, reducing State Road 7 to one lane. This project is part of a contract awarded by the Indiana Department of Transportation to E&B Paving Inc. in February 2024. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

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30 years, meeting as students at Indiana State University, where they both earned Master of Fine Arts degrees. They collaborate on their art with each doing different parts of the work in making pottery and clay sculptures. “I get to do the part I like and she gets to do the part she likes,” said Bill. Naomi Hart, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, was first in the Fine Art category with her art of encaustic mixed media, a form that uses beeswax. “Encaustic is considered the oldest form of paint medium known to mankind,” she said. “I love what I do. I feel really honored to have found my way to this mixed media process because it says everything I’ve wanted to say with my art.” Hart placed third in the Fine Art category in 2023.

Others placing in Fine Art were Roy Boswell, Butlerville, Indiana, second, and Susan Deaton, Corbin, Kentucky, third. Others placing in Craft were Morgan Weinrich, Louisville, second; and Elizabeth Smarz, Chicago, third. Honorable mentions were given to Pamela Hignite, Liberty, Indiana, and Ryan Dougherty, Terrace Park, Ohio. Judges for this year’s Chautauqua were: Chris Jackson, head of the art and design department at Hanover College; Barry Motes, head of the art department at Jefferson Community and Technical College; and Marcy Werner, archivist at the Kentucky Derby Museum. Andrew Hardin, chair of the judges committee, said Chautauqua judges change every year.

With work underway on Main Street between Mill and Broadway streets, there was concern how that might impact the event, which draw thousands to that area. “The city was great with making sure Main Street was open, and helping to maintain traffic flow,” Hinze said. “All in all we had a lot of people take advantage of our shuttle which is really good. That’s running much more smoothly than it has in the past.”

This was the second year that the Chautauqua footprint included First Street between Elm and Broadway streets, with booths moved there that had previously been on Vine Street between Second and Main streets.

The change allows for traffic flow at Vine Street on Second Street, previously not possible when the footprint was north



Bob Demaree

Lauren Hillerich, of Charlestown, Indiana, won Best Presentation at the 2025 Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art.



Bob Demaree

Naomi Hart, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, was winner of the 2025 Madison Chautauqua Festival Fine Art category. She is picture with Chautauqua Coordinator Kara Hinze (right).

of Second Street. “From committee’s perspective and the artists, they are happy with the change. There has only been minimal negative from homeowners. We’ve tried to work with them to help them come up with solutions,” said Hinze, adding the event wants to continue with the same footprint next year. “Keeping Second Street open helps with traffic congestion.”

Next year’s Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art will be Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27.

Old Court Days, held for more than 30 years by the Pilot Club of Madison, feature 119 booths this year around and near the Jefferson County Courthouse Square. The club received a helmet grant for 50 helmets, all of which were given



Bob Demaree

Artists Bill (right) and Gean (left) Bowen, of Charlestown, Indiana, and pictured with Chautauqua Coordinator Kara Hinze, were winners of the Craft category at the 2025 Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art.

to children which is consistent with one of the club’s missions to improve and maintain brain safety.

The Madison Regional Airport was also successful with the 24th Air Show attended by an estimated 3,000 people.

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Sports

Ayler scores 100th career goal in Madison win over Jennings

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Madison girls soccer player Kyra Ayler isn't one to get caught up in personal milestones. But with time running down in Madison's final home game of the season, the Cub star was chomping at the bit to put the ball in the net.

With just 34 seconds to play in the game, Ayler finally did just that, scoring her 100th career goal in Class 2A No. 14 Madison's 8-0 rout of Jennings County Thursday at home.

Her teammates immediately mobbed Ayler at midfield and the game was stopped so that she could be honored. For Ayler, it was a moment to remember.

"I didn't think there was any hope, but my teammates helped me all the way," said Ayler, who had set the school's career goals record earlier this year. "My team was passing me the ball, and that's all they cared about. And it just felt so, so special because they were helping me all the way through."

The final goal was the fourth of the game for Ayler who has been Madison's leader since her first game as a freshman. That season she set the single-season school record for goals and after sitting out her sophomore season, she picked up right where she left off.

Madison coach Marcus Hale, who took over the program last season, said Ayler is the kind of player a coach dreams of having.

"She earned that tonight, but she's really earned it over the years, because of all of the hard work she's put into getting better and listening to the different coaches that she's played for," Hale said. "She's got a lot of grit and determination, and she steps up in big moments and games, as we've seen the last couple years. We need players like that on the team, and she does a good job of getting her teammates involved, which is what a good team captain does."

Ayler came into the game with 96 career goals and everybody in

attendance knew what was at stake. She scored less than five minutes into the match and had a hat trick by halftime as Madison put up a 6-0 lead on its former Hoosier Hills Conference rival.

But the final goal proved to be tough to come by. With five minutes to go, Madison's efforts as a team were focused on getting Ayler the milestone goal.

Ayler had three really good looks at the goal, the last a shot that banged off the bar with 90 seconds to play. Her milestone-making shot was actually one of her toughest looks of the game, a laser from 25 yards out that she zipped through a haze of Jennings defenders.

"I just needed to calm myself down and collect myself again to get it going again," Ayler said.

While Ayler was the star of the night, the game was a microcosm of the Cubs' season as four different players scored as the Cubs reached 100 goals as a team on the season.

"We've got three players that have scored more than 20 now this year and about 50 to 60% of those goals coming from assists," Hale said. "So we've got a pretty dynamic attack that it actually helps us defend, right? So, which is something else I've been talking to them about in my time here, and they're doing a pretty good job of applying the things that we've been working on."

Along with Ayler, freshman Tessa Renfrow scored two goals for the Cubs while Rae Hearne and Kenzie Smith scored one each. Ayler also had three assists, giving her 12 points on the night, with Renfrow, Smith and Kylie Montgomery each adding an assist.

Goalie Jane Jenner and defenders Montgomery, Dellah Gibson, Kira Britain, Annalise Roney and Kennedy Sheets combined for the team's 10th clean sheet of the year.

Madison, now 13-2-1 on the season, closes out the regular season at Seymour on Tuesday.



David Campbell

Madison's Rae Hearne (16) goofs around with teammate Kyra Ayler (24) after Ayler scored her 100th career goal in the Cubs' 8-0 win over Jennings County on Thursday.



David Campbell

Madison senior Kyra Ayler (24) jumps for joy after scoring her school record 100th career goal in the Cubs' win over Jennings County on Thursday.



David Campbell

Madison's Kyra Ayler (24) slices through three Jennings County defenders in the Cubs' 8-0 win over Jennings County on Thursday. Ayler, a senior, scored her 100th career goal during the match.



David Campbell

Madison's Joseph Stanley (5) attempts to break through the tackle of Providence's Gabriel Bermudez (4) and Jorge Reyes-Nino during Friday's football loss at home.

Providence rolls over Madison on football homecoming 49-0

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Class A No. 5 Providence wasted little time in ruining Madison's football homecoming, rolling to a 49-0 win at Cub Field on Friday.

The visiting Pioneers scored on their first five possessions, led 43-0 at halftime and never looked back as they got back on track after suffering just their second loss of the season last week at Charlestown.

For winless Madison, it was another disappointing loss in a season full of disappointments.

"We had a couple of players that were into their feelings before the game even started, and we just don't have a leader on this football team. And I've said it so many times that we're trying searching for one that will step up," Madison coach Charles Benintende said. "But you know, when you get a leader that's negative the whole time, nothing comes to pass from that. So

to find a positive leader on the team as young as we are, is just, it's not there. All of our key players are docile. They're as quiet as a mouse. So it's kind of hard to find that that guy that's going to take the realm and we're looking for him."

Providence (4-2) intercepted a Madison pass on just the Cubs' third offensive play and turned that into a 24-yard scoring pass from quarterback Niko Fondrisi to Noah Leasor for an early 7-0 lead. A series later, the Pioneers scored on a 25-yard run by Kalen Sipes for a 14-0 lead.

The defending state champions then blew open the game in the second quarter with three more touchdowns — a 48-yard pass from Fondrisi to Lucas Mauk, a 43-yard pass from Fondrisi to Eli Graf and an 11-yard pass from Fondrisi to Mauk — to turn the game into a rout.

Providence scored early in the third quarter on a 1-yard run by Trenton

Taylor for the final margin as a running clock kept the scoring down in the second half.

Providence ended the game with 353 total yards, 243 yards on 11-of-15 passing from Fondrisi. Eight different players caught a pass for the Pioneers with Mauk catching two passes for 91 yards and two scores. Sipes had 103 yards rushing on eight attempts.

Madison had 135 total yards, 74 through the air and 61 on the ground. Bryson Copeland's 40-yard reception was the lone offensive highlight on the night.

"We came in at halftime and just scrapped it and tried to send a message to some of the older players that the score isn't indicative of our standards, and we just haven't been able to meet our standards for a full 48 minutes," Benintende said. "When we start a game off like that it just snowballs down.

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Sectional draws for soccer, tennis held

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The IHSAA held draws for sectional tournaments in boys soccer, girls soccer and boys tennis on Sunday.

The tennis sectional will be held at Scottsburg and begin Tuesday. The soccer tournaments will begin on Monday, Oct. 6.

Pairings were:

BOYS TENNIS

Sectional 17 at Scottsburg
Tuesday, Sept. 30
Match 1 — Austin vs. Madison, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Match 2 — Scottsburg vs. Southwestern, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 2

Championship — Winner Match 1 vs. Winner Match 2, 4:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER CLASS 2A SECTIONAL 29 AT BATESVILLE

Monday, Oct. 6

Game 1 — South Dearborn vs. Madison, 5 p.m.
Game 2 — Switzerland Co. vs. Lawrenceburg, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Game 3 — Winner Game

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30 CROSS COUNTRY

Shawe at New Washington, 5:30 p.m.

SOCCER

Southwestern boys host Switzerland Co., 5 p.m.
Southwestern girls host Switzerland Co., 6:30 p.m.
Madison boys at Providence, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys at Anderson Co., 7:45 p.m.

TENNIS

Madison boys vs. Austin, IHSAA Sectionals at Scottsburg, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Madison girls at Jennings Co., 7 p.m.
Southwestern girls at New Washington, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Medora, 7 p.m.
Trimble Co. girls host Cornerstone Christian, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1 SOCCER

Shawe boys at Milan, 5 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Bourbon Co., 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern boys vs. Scottsburg, IHSAA Sectionals at Scottsburg, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carroll Co. girls at Williamstown, 7 p.m.
Shawe girls host Trimble Co., 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at New Washington, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2 SOCCER

Southwestern boys at Jac-Cen-Del, 5 p.m.
Southwestern girls host South Ripley, 5 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Shawe, 5 p.m.
Madison boys at Rock Creek, 7 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys at South Dearborn, 7:15 p.m.
Carroll Co. boys host Collins, 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Southwestern/Scottsburg boys vs. Madison/Austin, IHSAA Sectional Championship

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GIRLS SOCCER ROUNDUP

Parsons scores 100th career goal as Switz rolls to tourney title

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Senior Emma Parsons scored her school-record 100th career goal and Class A No. 5 Switzerland County rolled to a pair of wins in the Switzerland County Invitational Saturday at in Vevay.

Parsons scored her record-breaker in a 10-1 win over Carroll County in the semifinals. The goal was not just a rare milestone, but also broke Halle Archer's school record of 99 goals set two years ago.

"This is an achievement that is very rare in soccer. She is the first girl in ORVC history to reach this milestone and passed our own Halle Archer for the school record," Switzerland coach David Todd said. "Emma's milestone is a great accomplishment for our program and a well-earned record by a young lady who has a strong passion for the sport and an excellent work



Tammy Hayes

Switzerland County's Emma Parsons watches her shot gather into the goal as she hurdles over Carroll County goalkeeper Addison Mazza as Panther defenders Helany Gutierrez (6) and Joceline Rodriguez (28) look on during Saturday's game in Vevay. The goal was Parsons' school-record 100th of her career.



Tammy Hayes

Switzerland County's Emma Parsons celebrates her 100th career goal after beating the Carroll County defense of goalkeeper Addison Mazza (on ground) and Helany Gutierrez (6) on Saturday in Vevay.

ethic as well as a great appreciation in the opener after Carroll converted for her past and current teammates." Switzerland actually trailed 1-0

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Pacers dominate Edinburgh with 48-6 road victory

BY THE COURIER STAFF

EDINBURGH — Switzerland County football made the trip to Edinburgh on Friday night and wasted no time proving they were the better team, racing out to a 35-point first quarter lead en route to a commanding 48-6 victory.

Senior running back Matthew Young set the tone early and often. On just three carries, Young racked up 107 rushing yards and three touchdowns, highlighted by a 71-yard sprint to the end zone that had the Pacer sideline roaring.

That play was celebrated by both crowds as Young passed Jonny Thompson (1,743 yards) as the Pacers' all-time career rushing leader with 1,806 yards. He also made his presence felt on defense, snagging an interception and returning it for another score in

the opening quarter to trigger a running clock the rest of the game.

The defense as a whole was relentless, forcing turnovers and turning them into points. Josiah Holliday scooped up a fumble and rumbled into the end zone for a touchdown and the Pacers held Edinburgh (1-4) to just 33 total yards of offense all night. The Lancers didn't manage a first down until late, finishing with only two on the evening.

Quarterback Alex Bailey showed his arm in the second quarter, connecting with Keaton Mosley for a 71-yard touchdown pass, extending the Pacers' lead to 42-0 by halftime. In the third quarter, sophomore Aiden Greene added a 13-yard touchdown run, capping Switzerland County's scoring.

Placekicker Lane Turner was steady, drilling six extra points on the night. Special teams also contributed with strong kickoff coverage, pinning the Lancers deep on nearly every possession.

Edinburgh's lone bright spot came in the final quarter, when the Lancers broke free for an 11-yard touchdown run, but the Pacers' junior varsity defense stopped the two-point attempt to keep the margin wide.

In all, Switzerland County piled up 208 yards on just nine plays, averaging more than 23 yards per snap, compared to Edinburgh's 33 yards on 33 plays.

For Pacer fans making the trip north, it was a night to remember — a statement win built on explosive offense, smothering defense, and a chance to bear witness to Matthew Young's record breaking performance.

Switzerland, now 5-1 on the season, travels to South Decatur (2-4) on Friday. The Cougars are coming off a 47-3 loss to Cloverdale.

Madison girls golf season ends at regional

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's stellar 2025 girls golf season came to an end with an eighth-place finish in the always difficult regional at The Legends Golf Club in Franklin on Saturday.

Madison shot a 388 as a team, far behind state qualifiers Franklin, Batesville and Floyd Central which shot 318, 325 and 332, respectively. Still, Madison coach Jake Shockley was thrilled with his team's performance on Saturday and with the season.

"It was a great season, and I can't say enough great things about this fantastic team. They set extremely high standards for themselves, and really put themselves through it to try to reach our team and their individual goals," Shockley said. "If I were to handicap the tournament, I would've put us at a seventh or eighth finish, maybe sixth if we were on fire. We had some inconsistent play out there, but I can't say enough about their effort."

"Regionals is a true physical and mental test, and I've seen many meltdowns happen on this particular day, but we did a fairly decent job of holding it together."

Senior Emmi Dowell shot an 85 and missed the state cut by six strokes. Dowell graduates Madison as one of the most accomplished golfers in school history and Shockley's heart aches at the thought that she was unable to play in the state finals.

"I'm extremely disappointed for Emmi. She struggled to get it going on the front and got some really bad breaks. She had one bounce into a hazard, and two rolled just under trees where she had to take unplayable lies," Shockley said. "That 38 on the back showed she probably belongs in the state tournament, and in my humble opinion, the field is going to be incomplete without her there. But the scores are what the scores are, and I just feel really, really bad for her. That being said, she had a fantastic career as a Lady Cub, and she's going into my Mount Rushmore of Lady Cubs golf!"

Eliza Burnette shot a 90 for Madison while Claire Miller had a 105, Emma Shockley a 108 and Tera Scharlau a 115 to round out the scores.

"Eliza also had a really solid day and had an excellent career as well. I think some people forget that she didn't start playing golf until her sophomore year. Her progression as a player and a person has been astounding, and as a coach, completely satisfying. I can't be prouder of her right now," Shockley said. "The rest of the ladies performed admirably and showed a lot of poise out there. Our future is still pretty bright, and I can't wait to see what Claire and Emma can do."

"Also, I would be remiss to not give Coach Amanda (Leary) credit. I am truly blessed to have such an esteemed member of Madison golf and an ex-Division 1 player as an assistant coach," Shockley added. "She brings a tremendous amount of knowledge, credibility, and intangibles to the team as well, and we are a very effective duo. Our style and philosophies align, and we complement each other well. I hope she sticks around for a really long time."

Switzerland County placed 11th as a team with a 411 and Jennings County was 15th with a 481. Alexis Mangold had a 93 to lead the Pacers, Payton Stow, Paige Gregory and Brinley Bear each had a 106 and Marilynn Dalrymple had a 116.

Southwestern's Paisley Hendrix reached the regional as an individual and finished with a 133.

CROSS COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Madison boys run to victory in Meyer Classic

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison's boys placed three scorers in the top 10 to win the Duke Meyer Cross Country Classic at Hanover College on Saturday.

The Cubs scored 44 points to beat out Jennings County with 62 points. Providence was third with 68, Greensburg was fourth with 107, Crothersville was fifth with 126, Charlestown was sixth with 138, Collins was seventh with 147, Rising Sun was eighth with 214 and Jeffersonville was ninth with 237.

Eli Storm led Madison with a third-place finish in 16:54.97 and was the top local finisher. Sam Crouch was fourth in 17:02.12, Paxton Garrett was ninth in 17:21.13, Will Laufer was 11th in 17:26.53 and Kruz Konkle was 25th in 18:46.73. Other finishes were: Gavin Knoble, 56th, 20:41.71; Owen Murphy, 69th, 22:20.39; and Tavian Bauer, 80th, 23:49.96.

Neither Shawe nor Southwestern fielded complete boys teams.

Results for Shawe were: Cavaan Hambrick, 16th, 17:59.28; Cohenn Hambrick, 44th, 19:49.69; and Nathan Fewell, 65th, 21:46.28.

Results for Southwestern were: Thomas Gammons, 73rd, 22:53.44; Robert De Paz Gonzalez, 86th, 26:17.51; and Jonah Stroud, 91st, 30:19.57.

Jennings County edged Southwestern 51-54 to win the girls race. Greensburg ran third with 71, Madison was fourth with 86, Charlestown was fifth with 92, Jeffersonville was sixth with 155 and Rising Sun was seventh with 182.

Savannah Nussbaum led Southwestern with a fifth-place finish in 20:31.75 and Tori Gammons was seventh in 21:32.91. Other results were: Mikayla Nussbaum, 14th, 22:11.27; Sophie Ford, 16th, 22:25.23; Chloe Sprayberry, 24th, 23:32.29; Riley Zellers, 36th, 24:30.93; Kaylynn Warren, 38th, 24:43.27; Sarah Schneider, 43rd, 25:15.68; Haylee Crawford, 56th, 27:18.22; and Mallory Johnson, 60th, 28:34.62.

Madison's Lealynn Krulik was the top local finisher, running fourth overall in 20:25.00. Other finishes were: Haley Ferguson, 11th, 21:40.18; Reagan Wynn, 27th, 23:55.53; Annabelle Laufer, 32nd, 24:04.07; Scout Porter, 35th, 24:26.85; Lydia Horvath, 41st, 24:54.44; Carolyn Mahoney, 45th, 25:39.25; Hannah Ferguson, 49th, 26:16.07; and Maya Kemp, 72nd, 31:05.20.

Madison, Shawe and Southwestern all compete in the Terre Haute South Twilight event on Friday.



David Campbell

Madison's (from left) Eli Storm, Sam Crouch and Paxton Garrett sprint out at the start of the boys race in the Duke Meyer Classic on Saturday at Hanover College.



David Campbell

Madison's Eli Storm was the top local finisher in the Duke Meyer Classic on Saturday at Hanover College, placing third in the boys race with a time of 16:54.97.

TOPPERS, PACERS RUN AT RIPLEY

Shawe and Switzerland County competed in the Great Pumpkin Invitational at South Ripley on Thursday.

Switzerland County's Claire Boggs won the girls race in 21:24.01. Switzerland's boys placed third with 88 points and Shawe was fifth with 118 points. Neither Switzerland's nor Shawe's girls team fielded complete teams.

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David Campbell

Madison's Lealynn Krulik led all local runners with a fourth-place finish in the the girls portion of the Duke. Meyer Invitational at Hanover on Saturday.



David Campbell

Southwestern cross country runner Kaylynn Warren competes in the Duke Meyer Classic on Saturday. The Rebels used the meet to promote breast cancer awareness including wearing pink ribbons and temporary tattoos.

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Trimble shuts out Berea for second win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County picked up its second win in three weeks in a 42-0 rout over Berea at home on Friday.

Silas Sandusky had 103 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns for the Raiders and caught three passes for 44 yards and two scores. Moses Sandusky had 47 yards rushing and two touchdowns, and Jamison Isley was 6-of-12 passing for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

William Mallory had nine tackles, David Pow had seven tackles and a fumble recovery and Moses Sandusky had six tackles and a fumble recovery.

Trimble, now 2-4 on the season, hosts Ludlow, also 2-4 but coming off a 12-7 loss to Bellevue, on Thursday.

Carroll falls to Nicholas County as the Rebels dropped a 26-21 decision at home to Nicholas County on Friday.

Treavin Shovlin was 11-for-20 passing for 207 yards and three touchdowns for Carroll. Karson Vaught had two catches for 63 yards and Joshua Anderson had two catches for 56 yards and a touchdown.

Hunter Angell had 20 tackles, Maverick Johnson had 16 tackles and Jackson Kyle had 10 tackles.

Carroll, now 3-2 on the season, travels to Henry County, 2-3 and coming off a 280 loss to Bourbon County, on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Southwestern rolls to Baum Invite title

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern picked up four dominating wins to claim its own Marc Baum Invitational championship at home on Saturday.

The Rebels beat Clarksville 2-0 (25-8, 25-7), Paoli 2-0 (25-15, 25-9) and South Central 2-0 (25-21, 25-17) before beating Austin 2-1 (25-16, 17-25, 15-5) in the championship game.

Senior Jenna Owens recorded her 500th career kill during the tournament.

Against Clarksville, Rorie Scroggins had eight kills, Owens had five kills, six digs and four aces, Hadlie Buchanan had four aces, Jocelyn Johnson had 10 digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 17 assists.

Against Paoli, Scroggins had nine kills, Owens had six kills and seven digs, Johnson had 11 digs, Hadlie Buchanan had seven digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 20 assists.

Against South Central, Scroggins had eight kills, six digs and three aces, Hadlie Buchanan had five kills, Owens had seven digs, Johnson had seven digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 15 assists and eight digs.

Against Austin, Scroggins had 13 kills and three aces, Johnson had 16 digs, Hadlie Buchanan had seven kills, Owens had 10 digs and four aces, Kaylee Hite had nine digs and Hillarie Buchanan had 28 assists and eight digs.

Shawe and Switzerland County also competed in the tourney but no results were available.

Southwestern, now 12-10 on the season, travels to New Washington on Tuesday, hosts South Ripley



Submitted

Southwestern won the Marc Baum Volleyball Invitational on Saturday in Hanover. Members of the team are (from left): Hadlie Buchanan, Kaylee Hite, Josie Hubbard, Alexis Dean-Wells, Rorie Scroggins, Aspen Abbott, Hillarie Buchanan, Jenna Owens, Olivia Johnson and Jocelyn Johnson.



David Campbell

Southwestern senior Jenna Owens picked up her 500th career kill on Saturday during the Marc Baum Volleyball Invitational at Southwestern.

on Thursday and hosts Lanesville on Friday.

CUBS GET 3 WINS AT HAUSER

Madison went 3-1 in four matches in the Hauser Invitational on Saturday.

The Cubs defeated Milan 2-0 (25-27, 25-16), Rushville 2-0 (25-15, 25-13) and Waldron 2-0 (25-14, 25-7) but lost to Greensburg 2-0 (25-20, 25-17). No statistics for any of the matches were available.

On Thursday, Madison defeated Jeffersonville 3-0 (25-16, 25-16, 25-6). No stats were available.

Madison, now 19-7 on the season, hosted Lawrenceburg on Monday and travels to Jennings County on Tuesday. The Cubs host Floyd Central on Thursday.

TRIMBLE LOSES FOUR AT HENRY

Trimble County suffered four losses at the Henry County Volleyball Invitational on Saturday.

The Raiders lost to Woodford County 2-0 (25-13, 25-20), Grant County 2-0 (25-10, 25-11), Western Hills 2-0 (25-12, 25-16) and Henry County 2-1 (24-26, 25-20, 15-6).

Against Woodford, Emery Pierce had eight kills and seven digs, Anna Brierly had 11 digs, Emma Heaton had 10 assists and Ainslie Stark had seven assists.

Against Grant, Kendra Mahoney had four kills, Heaton had 10 assists, Stark had six assists, Brierly had eight digs, Georgia Avena had seven digs and Pierce had seven digs and four aces.

Against Western Hills, Pierce had six kills and six digs, Heaton had 13 assists, Brierly had 17 digs, Mika Jett had 11 digs and Chloe Ginn had 10 digs.

Against Henry, Pierce had 13 kills, Heaton had 14 assists, Brierly had 20 digs and Ginn had 10 digs.

On Thursday, Trimble defeated Owen County 3-1 on the road. Pierce had 11 kills and eight digs, Heaton had 26 assists, Brierly had 23 digs, Jett had 14 digs and Ginn had 10 digs.

Trimble, now 11-14 overall and 4-4 in the 31st District, hosts Shawe on Wednesday and heads to Shelby County on Thursday.

SHAWE BEATS MEDORA

Shawe picked up a three-set win

at Medora on Friday, 25-6, 25-8, 25-10.

No stats were available.

Shawe, now 2-8 on the season, hosted Rising Sun on Monday and hosts Trimble County on Wednesday.

CARROLL FALLS TO HENRY

Carroll County dropped a 3-0 match at Henry County on Thursday.

The Panthers lost 25-7, 25-10, 25-9. No individual stats were available.

Carroll, now 3-14 overall, 0-9 31st District, hosted Cornerstone Christian on Monday, travels to Owen County on Tuesday and heads to Williamstown on Wednesday.

BOYS SOCCER ROUNDUP

No. 19 Southwestern picks up win at No. 9 Providence

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Class A No. 19 Southwestern picked up a 3-2 boys soccer win at Class A No. 9 Providence Saturday on the road.

Connor Johnson had a goal and an assist for the Rebels while Jaxon Higgins and Kaedon Higgins each scored a goal.

Southwestern, now 9-1-3 overall, hosts Switzerland County on Tuesday and heads to Jac-Cen-Del on Thursday.

SHAWE RALLIES FOR WIN

Class A No. 11 Shawe came from behind to beat Rising Sun 2-1 in boys soccer Friday at home.

Martin Gomez scored both goals for the Hilltoppers with Rodrigo Reyes-Miranda and Gus Grote each making assists.

Shawe, now 9-1-2 overall,

4-1 Ohio River Valley Conference, hosted Jac-Cen-Del on Monday and travels to Milan on Wednesday.

CUBS DRAW LAWRENCEBURG

Madison finished in a scoreless draw at Lawrenceburg on Thursday in a rematch of last year's sectional championship game.

Madison, now 7-2-3 on the season, travels to Class A No. 9 Providence on Tuesday and heads to Rock Creek on Thursday for the final game of the regular season.

PACERS KNOCK OFF SHINERS

Switzerland County picked up a 1-0 win over Rising Sun at home on Saturday.

Switzerland, now 9-4-1 overall, 4-1-1 ORVC, heads to Class A No. 19 Southwestern on Tuesday and to South Dearborn on Thursday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Panthers volleyball win three in Bluffton Invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover volleyball won all three matches in the Bluffton Invitational over the weekend.

The Panthers defeated Heidelberg 3-0 in the opener on Friday. No results from the match were available.

On Saturday, Hanover defeated Adrian 3-1 (21-25, 25-22, 25-11, 25-19). Elliot Mays had 18 kills for the Panthers, Abbey McCoy had 15 digs, Maddie Robertson had four blocks and Brooke Gervers had 35 assists.

Hanover then defeated Balwin-Wallace 3-2 (21-25, 19-25, 25-23, 25-13, 15-12) on Saturday. Mays had 20 kills, Madison Schicker had 14 digs, McCoy had two blocks and Gervers had 32 assists.

Hanover, 11-6 on the season, hosts John Carroll on Friday and Manchester on Saturday.

MEN'S SOCCER WHIPS FRANKLIN

Hanover men's soccer hammered Franklin 6-0 at home in the Panthers' Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener.

Patricio Campos had two goals for the Panthers and Andrew Beck, David Snowden, Nico Gotoh and Matt Burchett each scored a goal. Andrew Pavlisko, David Betz and Grant Doherty each had assists.

Hanover, now 6-2-2 on the season, hosts Rose-Hulman on Saturday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER POSTS WIN

Hanover women's soccer opened HCAC play Saturday with a 3-0 win over Franklin in Hanover.

Emma Gill had two goals for the Panthers and Kaleigh Schimmer scored a goal. Lily Clark, Morgan Castiglione, Izzy Phillips and Erin Terry each had an assist.

Hanover, now 3-4-2, hosts Rose-Hulman on Saturday.

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern boys tennis remained unbeaten on the season with a 5-0 win over Austin at home on Friday.

Braxton Lewis, Talon Wynn and Quinton Lewis each picked up wins

Boston, Mitchell lead Fever past Aces to even series

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — All-Star center Aliyah Boston finished with 24 points and 14 rebounds and Kelsey Mitchell scored 25 points to help the Indiana Fever avoid elimination in the WNBA semifinals with a 90-83 victory over the second-seeded Las Vegas Aces on Sunday.

The best-of-five series is now tied 2-2 with a winner-take-all Game 5 set for Tuesday in Las Vegas. The winner faces either top-seeded Minnesota or fourth-seeded Phoenix.

Sixth-seeded Indiana closed it out after Las Vegas mistakenly called an extra timeout with 30.1 seconds left in the game. The ensuing technical foul gave Indiana one free throw and possession of the ball, which forced Las Vegas to foul after the ball was inbounded. The Fever made all three free throws to extend the lead to 87-77.

"It was a good old-fashioned mistake," Aces coach Becky Hammon explained after the game.

The television broadcast also showed Hammon telling her team in a late huddle they had two timeouts and a reset timeout remaining. She reiterated that point after the game.

The Fever used their "Stranger Things" uniforms, perhaps trying to send a message it wouldn't let the high-powered Aces run roughshod over a team still missing four key, injured players — Caitlin Clark, Sophie Cunningham, Sydney Colson and Aari McDonald.

Rebels sweep Austin in tennis

in singles and Brady Cook and Colton Deputy and Max Joseph and Luke Morrow won in doubles. Shane Hardy and Brady Bowman, and Kingston Elliott and Kobe Rogers each won exhibition doubles matches.

Southwestern, now 16-0, hosted

Charlestown on Monday and plays Scottsburg in the semifinals of the IHSAA Sectional at Scottsburg on Wednesday. Madison faces Austin in the other semifinal on Tuesday and the championship game will be on Thursday.



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